

Center for Missing and Exploited Children for their assistance and counsel in drafting the bill. Mr. Speaker, as a mother of four and grandmother of seven, I know there is nothing more important than safeguarding our children from predators. We must not allow those who sexually exploit children to avoid prosecution because of a technicality.

I urge all my colleagues to support H.R. 4120 and send this important bill to the White House for the President's signature.

CONSOLIDATED SECURITY, DISASTER ASSISTANCE, AND CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. TODD TIAHRT

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 24, 2008

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, this continuing resolution spending bill contained needed funding provisions, many of which I support. In fact, three separate Appropriations bills—Defense, Homeland Security, and Military Construction—Veterans Affairs are included in the Continuing Resolution (CR) package. The insertion of these individual bills within the CR will ensure the safety and security of our Nation, maintain the commitment of Congress to our men and women in uniform, and provide for the needs of our veterans through the next fiscal year.

Despite the needed funding to our troops and veterans, the Democrat leadership decided to take political advantage of this spending bill and slipped in several inappropriate spending measures. This legislation includes unjustified spending measures that should have had the opportunity to be considered through the normal legislative process, and not tacked onto a massive, catch-all Appropriations bill.

One of these unjustified spending measures includes a \$25 billion bailout of the auto industry of which \$7.5 billion is appropriated in the bill. First in line were Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac then Bear Stearns, and now a bailout to the auto manufacturing industry—Mr. Speaker, where does it end?

We must address the core economic problems that hold back workers from better paying jobs and that stifle businesses from being successful. The best and most responsible approach Congress can take is to continue to pursue policies designed to get our economy growing again. After September 11, 2001, our Nation's general aviation and airline manufacturing industry greatly suffered. Congress had a choice, to throw millions of dollars at the aviation industry or take a market based approach and allow accelerated depreciation of its products. The Republican majority chose to pass a jobs and economic growth bill that included depreciation and expensing provisions, which according to manufacturers, have resulted in back orders until 2012–2013. This is just one example of a market based solution to an economic crisis.

This is the type of policy that should guide this Congress in dealing with the failings of the auto industry, the housing industry, and so on. I cannot support a bill that attempts to undercut the integrity of our Nation's free market in-

frastructure through a \$25 billion bailout of the auto industry.

**THE TRINITY VALLEY EXPOSITION
100TH ANNIVERSARY**

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 26, 2008

Mr. POE. Madam Speaker, today, I am proud to recognize the Trinity Valley Exposition on its 100th anniversary this October. The TVE has been a fixture in southeast Texas that brings fun and culture together for a great yearly event. Additionally, outside of the celebration in the autumn, TVE is active in the community and invests in the youth of our great State.

The TVE is a charitable organization located in Liberty, Texas. The main groups benefitting from the works of the TVE are the young people residing in the counties of Liberty and Chambers. Over the past few years, the TVE has contributed thousands of dollars in scholarships to those students who are going to be attending post-secondary institutions. For example, in 2004, the TVE gave \$30,000 in scholarships to students in the area.

The TVE owns 60 acres of land, a covered arena, an exposition hall, and a pavilion. Various functions occur in these places throughout the year. People are allowed to rent these facilities, giving members of the community a chance to convene and offering anyone a great place to have ceremonies, celebrations, and get-togethers.

The TVE is a volunteer organization that relies on its helpers to be effective, especially, every fall when the TVE hosts a county fair. This is a tradition that attracts people from many places, near and far, to gather for the festivities. There is no gate charge, all events are free, and the entire public is invited.

This time, for the 100-year anniversary, the event is extra special with numerous contests engaging participants in kind-spirited competition. The contests include: quilting, baking, scarecrow, kiddie tractor pull, and salsa. Also, this year, favorite TVE memory is a contest, calling people to recollect special experiences of times past. In addition to these events, the TVE asks the children to participate in a coloring contest or in playing one of many games available. There will be live family entertainment, a magician, hotdogs, and rice. The grand event closes with a fireworks display to usher out a truly meaningful milestone.

The TVE is a tradition that brings the community together and calls to mind many of the things that identify us as Texans. Therefore, I am happy to draw attention to the Trinity Valley Exposition on its 100th year of operation.

VETERANS APPRECIATION CELEBRATION LEADING UP TO VETERANS DAY

HON. TIM MAHONEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 26, 2008

Mr. MAHONEY of Florida. Madam Speaker, beginning November 1st, 2008 Charlotte

County will begin a Veterans Appreciation Celebration leading up to Veterans Day. This celebration will honor the Veterans in our area who have bravely served our country. It is my honor to recognize and thank the Veterans who made this day possible and the community leaders who helped to put this wonderful celebration together. Events included in this 18-day celebration are:

A Homeless Stand Down on November 1st, 2008, being hosted by the Charlotte County Homeless Coalition and the Charlotte County Veterans Service Office. The stand down will attempt to increase the community's awareness of homeless veterans and bring a variety of social service providers together to help these veterans. During the stand down, showers, haircuts, food and clothing will be provided for homeless veterans, as well as medical and counseling services.

A Purple Heart Memorial Dedication Ceremony to honor all branches of service on Tamiami Trail and Cochran Blvd in Port Charlotte, Florida. This ceremony will take place on November 2nd, 2008.

A Veterans Day Parade on Saturday, November 8th, 2008 in Punta Gorda, Florida.

Veterans Day Celebrations throughout the community on November 11th, 2008.

An Army/Navy youth football game at Franz Ross Park on November 16th, 2008.

A Veterans Appreciation Dinner hosted by the Disabled American Veterans on November 17th, 2008 in Punta Gorda, Florida.

Without the service of our great Veterans, we would not be able to enjoy the freedoms we do today. On behalf of Florida's 16th Congressional District, I applaud Charlotte County in their efforts to honor these men and women who so bravely served our country.

**PLANNED PARENTHOOD'S SEX ED
WEEK OF ACTION**

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 26, 2008

Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today at a time when our country is facing grave concerns over the economy, yet this administration has supported \$1.3 billion on ineffective abstinence-only programs.

The CDC has just reported that more than 1 in 4 girls are infected with a sexually transmitted infection. It is clear that teens do not have access to full information about how to lead safe and healthy lives. This reaffirms what people in my home state of California already know: abstinence-only programs do not work.

I am proud to be from the first state that has rejected wasteful Title V abstinence-only funding. California leads the Nation in its effort to prevent unintended pregnancy through access to family planning, comprehensive sex education, public funding of family planning services and laws and policies protecting access to reproductive health care.

We must expand access to these services. This is why I support the outreach and community programs of the Planned Parenthood of Mar Monte. They provide comprehensive sex education programs through community outreach to high school students, parenting